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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, KS
SUBJ: MYONGDONG PRAYER MEETING WELCOMES RELEASED PRISONERS

1. ONE THOUSAND GATHERED AT THE MYONGDONG CATHEDRAL IN THE EVENING OF JANUARY 16 TO WELCOME MYONGDONG PRISONERS. PRAYER MEETING PROCEEDED SMOOTHLY, ENDED ON SCHEDULE, AND MOST ATTENDEES DISPERSED QUIETLY.

2. APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED, HOWEVER, REMAINED FOR RALLY AT WHICH RELEASED PRISONERS MADE STRONG ANTI-REGIME STATEMENTS. DISSIDENTS CLAIM POLICE INTERVENED QUICKLY AND ENDED MEETING, DETAINING SOME PERSONS BRIEFLY. ONE DISSIDENT REPORTED THAT THOSE DETAINED WERE PLACED ON POLICE BUS AND DROPPED OFF PROMPTLY IN ANOTHER SECTION OF THE CITY. DISSIDENTS SOURCES REPORT NO (RPT NO) PERSONS BEING HELD TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE.

3. PRESUMABLY, ROKG WILL WEIGH BEHAVIOR OF RELEASED DISSIDENTS IN CALCULATING PRACTICALITY OF RELEASING ADDITIONAL POLITICAL PRISONERS. REV PAK HYONG-KYU, CHIEF NEGOTIATOR FOR DISSIDENTS ON PRISONER RELEASE ISSUE, TOLD EMBOFF THAT
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KCIA HAD CALLED HIM TO REGISTER CONCERN ABOUT TONE OF STATEMENTS BEING MADE BY RELEASED PRISONERS. REV PAK SAID HE REPLIED THAT IT WAS TO BE EXPECTED THAT FREED PRISONERS WOULD MAINTAIN THEIR SUPPORT FOR A MORE DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL SYSTEM. HE SAID THE KCIA OFFICIAL HAD NOT (RPT NOT) PRESSED HIM FURTHER. AT THIS POINT, ROKG APPEARS CONCERNED BUT NOT (RPT NOT) ALARMED BY

BEHAVIOR OF DISSIDENTS SET AT LIBERTY.
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